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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 2506

C O N F I D E N T I A L KINGSTON 4067

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ASEC, JM

SUBJECT: REGISTRATION OF USG AND PERSONAL WEAPONS HELD IN CHANCERY

REF: STATE 209754, KINGSTON 3609, KINGSTON 3600, KINGSTON 3451

1. DESPITE REPEATED PLEAS, WE HAVE HAD NO REPLY TO OUR REQUESTS FOR DEPARTMENTAL FOLLOWUP ON ITS COMMITMENT TO PROVIDE GUIDANCE VIS-A-VIS UNREGISTERED PERSONAL AND USG ISSUE WEAPONS CURRENTLY IN CHANCERY. GOJ IS AWARE EXISTENCE SOME OF THESE WEAPONS, AND HAS BEEN HOLDING IN TEMPORARY ABEYANCE ANY REQUEST FOR ACTION OR FORMAL EXPLANATION IN RESPONSE OUR INFORMAL ADVICE TO MINISTRY FOREIGN AFFAIRS PROTOCOL OFFICER THAT WE ANTICIPATE INSTRUCTIONS FROM DEPARTMENT THIS ISSUE.

2. WE NOW ARE CONCERNED THAT EVENTS OF RECENT DAYS (AGEE ALLEGATIONS) MAY RESULT IN NUMBER OF COORDINATED ACTIONS BEING TAKEN BY GOJ TO EMBARRASS US IN AS MANY WAYS AS POSSIBLE. TO MINIMIZE AT LEAST ONE ELEMENT OF THAT HARRASSMENT WE NOW PROPOSE, UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED BY DEPARTMENT, TO PROCEED ON SEPTEMBER 24 ALONG FOLLOWING LINES. (A) INITITAE REGISTRATION USG ISSUE WEAPONS WITHIN CHANCERY WHICH GOJ ALREADY AWARE OF (BUT NOT REPEAT NOT WEAPONS GOJ DOES NOT KNOW ABOUT -- INCLUDING THOSE ON ORDER BY SEPTTEL); (B) INITIATE DISCUSSIONS WITH COMMANDER, GUANTANAMO NAVAL BASE ON POSSIBILITY REMOVAL ALL PERSONAL WEAPONS IN STORAGE AT CHANCERY TO GTMO FOR STORAGE THERE PENDING ULTIMATE DEPARTURE FROM KINGSTON OF CONCERNED PERSONNEL.

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3. ONLY ALTERNATIVE TO COURSE OUTLINED IN 2(B) ABOVE IS
FOR INDIVIDUAL OWNERS TO REGISTER WEAPONS HERE -- WICH
ESTABLISHES THEM AS POTENTIAL TARGETS FOR VARIOUS ELEMENTS
WHO MAKE HABIT OF RAIDING RESIDENCES FOR WEAPONS. (EVEN
THOUGH WEAPONS MIGHT REMAIN IN CHANCERY, THIS MIGHT NOT
BE CLEAR TO ALL THOSE WITH ACCESS TO REGISTRATION FILES.)

4. IMMEDIATE REPLY REQUESTED.
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